Thalassaemia patients in the country

1883. SHRI S.K. KHABIR UDDIN AHMED: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of thalasaemia patients in the country, State-wise;

(b) the steps being taken by Government to eradicate this dreaded disease?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) The detail of the estimate number of the thalassaemia patients detected during the last three years received from various State given in Statement (*See* below).

(b) Prevention of the disease is possible by genetic counseling and prenatal diagnosis facilities for which are available at very limited centres in the country as the procedure is expensive and sophisticated. The curative treatment for the thalassaemia major is bone marrow transplantation.

Statement

Estimated number of the thalassaemia patients detected during the last three years in various States

Sl.No.	Name of State/Union Territory	Details of cases reported
1.	Arunachal Pradesh	Nil
2.	NCT Delhi	3088
3.	Goa	11
4.	Gujarat	7531
5.	Haryana	Nil
6.	Himachal Pradesh	49
7.	Manipur	21
8.	Mizoram	Nil
9.	Meghalaya	Nil
10.	Punjab	Nil

Sl.No.	Name of State/Union Territory	Details of cases reported
11.	Sikkim	Nil
12.	Tripura	377
13.	Uttar Pradesh	Nil
14.	Chandigarh	14995
15.	Dadra and Nagar Haveli	Nil
16.	Daman & Diu	Nil
17.	Lakshadweep	1
18.	Madhya Pradesh	609
19.	Uttaranchal	27
20.	Andhra Pradesh	Nil
21.	Nagaland	Nil
22.	West Bengal	1425
23.	Pondicherry	Nil
24.	Tamil Nadu	100

The States/UTs namely Assam, Bihar, Chhattishgarh, Jharkhand, Jammu & Kashmir, Karnataka, Kerala, Maharashtra, A & N Islands, Orissa & Rajasthan have not responded.

Leprosy, TB, Kala-Azar and Malaria control

†1884. SHRI MANGANI LAL MANDAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that diseases such as leprosy, T.B., malaria and kala-azar continue to spread in the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof including the view point and time fixed for their prevention and complete eradication by Government, State-wise?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.